

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

## NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

## Topics of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

## BROGDON.

Brogdon, April 21.—Many of us went up to see the Boer War performance on Monday last, but before leaving home our hearts were saddened by the havoc played by the cold on our gardens and truck patches Sunday night. We could not much enjoy the thrilling battle scenes, our minds would revert to home and the sad destruction wrought there by the frost. Only one person of the neighborhood being thoughtful enough to protect his garden plants from the cold by covering. Beans, cucumbers, squashes and tomatoes were all killed and have been planted over this week. Cabbages that were heading have turned yellow and seem to be ruined. All kinds of fruit is seriously damaged. Previous to the cold spell our fruit prospect was never better—the trees were laden.

This afternoon the school children are anticipating an Easter egg hunt. Miss Epps, the teacher, has things arranged. Baskets of eggs beautifully dyed in every imaginable color, some containing faces of the different presidents of the United States, have been hidden away in every nook and corner in the pine grove in the rear of the school house. At 4 o'clock the egg hunt begins.

The monthly examination of our school took place this week. Harry Davis and Mammie Blackwell making the highest marks.

Mrs. C. H. Dorn and children of Sumter spent last week with friends here.

Miss Geneva Bryan, of Salter's, is visiting Miss Selden Epps.

Messrs. J. E. and G. A. Brogdon, of the A. C. L. employ at Florence, visited their father this week.

Misses Hattie and Mamie Johnson, of Alcolu, are in the neighborhood today.

Mr. J. T. Hays is in Camden this week on business.

## HERIOTS.

Heriot, April 21.—A good many things were killed by frost last Sunday night.

Smallpox is still in the community, but the people at Heriot are watching for themselves.

Mr. R. B. Weldon has returned home from Charleston where he has been for two weeks.

Mr. R. C. Wactor has gone to Camden today on business.

Mrs. E. B. Colclough has the greatest number of young chickens of anybody in this community. She has 111.

Mr. Jimmie McCutcheon and Miss Lily McCutcheon are spending the day in Sumter.

Miss Ethel Anderson is at home for a few days and then she will go back to school again.

Mrs. Frank Caughman has been very sick, but is better. Her mother from Wisacky has been with her for two weeks.

## SMITHVILLE.

Smithville, April 22.—The ladies of St. John's M. E. church have organized a ladies' Missionary Society with Mrs. S. H. Booth as president. The organization took place on last Sunday afternoon and the first regular meeting was held on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Joseph Goff leaves today for Sumter, where he will enter the hospital for treatment of tumor. He will probably have to undergo an operation.

Mr. Olin Munnerlyn has returned home from Wofford college.

Jeffrey Cabbagestalk, a well known colored man in the Heriots neighborhood, dropped dead on last Saturday evening. He had been choir leader in his church for nearly thirty years and it was while practicing one of his hymns that he died.

Quite an interesting trial was held in the magistrate's court here on last Thursday morning. Judge Munnerlyn presided. The trial was in connection with the closing of a public road by one Riley Jenkins. Suit was entered by Mr. T. M. Bradley, Mr. McLaughlin, of Bishopville, represented Mr. Bradley and Mr. Jenkins was defended by Mr. Lang Jennings, of Sumter. The case was sent to a higher court. Jenkins gave bond for his appearance.

Since the cold snap has gone the farmers are beginning to smile again. Many of them who had planted most of their cotton crop will have to replant. Hardly any damage done to corn. Watermelons killed and some gardens injured.

The new parsonage is very near complete.

C. L. Kirkley.

## DALZELL.

Dalzell, April 22.—We came in for our share of the freeze last week. Gardens were badly hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore are dining a crowd of young folks today. They will have an Easter egg hunt this afternoon. Miss Berta Hall is also to have one for her school this afternoon.

Miss Pauline Woodley of the Columbia Female College, is spending a few days at home. Miss Louise DuRant, of Sumter, is with her.

The Old Maids' Convention convenes at Providence Springs Pavilion next Friday night at 8 o'clock. Don't miss it. It will be worth seeing, besides getting a nice time out of it, you may get one of the old maids.

## DURANT.

DuRant, April 25.—There was a large attendance at the festival given by Miss McFaddin's school. Everyone spent a most pleasant evening and a little over \$16 was realized. The young ladies and gentlemen present participated in the cake walk.

Miss Mary Witherspoon and Mrs. Laura Montgomery left Wednesday to spend two months with relatives in East Lake, Ala.

Mr. W. J. McKay was in the neighborhood on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Grier preached at Concord today. Communion services will be held there tomorrow.

The gardens in the community suffered severely from the frost of last week.

## PRIVATEER.

Privateer, April 24.—Mrs. Henry Troutman died on Friday after a short illness. She was buried at Bethel church Saturday afternoon.

Miss Daisy Lide is visiting in Harts-ville.

Miss Elma Geddings closed the Red Oak school Friday with an Easter egg hunt.

The Pipkins school, taught by Miss Bonnie Anderson, also closed Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mims, of Silver, spent Sunday at Mr. E. W. River's.

Mr. G. A. Nettles and family spent Easter in Sumter with his mother, Mrs. W. A. Nettles.

Miss Katie Furman, of Sumter, spent the past week with her brother, Dr. R. B. Furman.

Mr. R. L. Geddings, of Pinewood, spent several days in the neighborhood last week.

Mr. J. M. Kolb, Mr. W. J. Ardis and others met at the Greenland Savannah school house Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school.

## MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia, April 24.—The planting of cotton was resumed this morning in real earnest, and with favorable weather this week will nearly wind up the sowing of the seed of this mammoth contention—cotton. Who can foretell the result? Can any one furnish this correspondent with the name or location of any section in this state that has really and in fact, with no doubt, reduced the cotton acreage 25 per cent? No information is asked as to what a certain one, two or three farmers have done in the 25 per cent reduction, but sections or townships reduction.

Rev. E. C. Bailey, pastor of Timmons-ville Presbyterian church preached an excellent sermon at the Presbyterian church in Lynchburg yesterday afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to hear it. He will preach there twice a month for a few months.

Miss Newton, teacher in the Timmons-ville graded school, attended the evening services here last evening.

Messrs. John McIntosh, Lee Kilpatrick, Messrs. Maud Wilson, Willie Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. John A. DuRant attended Easter services in Cartersville last evening, and were impressed with the tasteful and elaborate preparations, which reflected credit on that little town beside the river (Lynch's.)

It seems difficult for our citizens, in speaking of our little town, to say "Lynchburg," and it is equally as hard to write it.

Mr. Belton Dickerson, with his little daughter, who was bitten by a rabid dog last week, while out playing in the ward, boarded the train here for Columbia to consult and have the child treated by a specialist (?) on hydrophobia. Mr. Dickerson says the dog showed every symptom of hydrophobia and he appears greatly distressed. Dr. Darby, who examined the little girl's arm carefully, says there is really no danger of hydrophobia as the teeth of the animal did not touch the naked flesh, the sleeve not being penetrated. The bite was more like a sharp pinch.

Mr. J. T. McNeil went to Columbia this morning with Mr. Dickerson.

## MANCHESTER.

Dark Corner, April 22.—Well, it seems as if I was mistaken about Spring, as we had plenty of frost and ice on the morning of the 17th, which played havoc with gardens, &c.

Corn was killed down, but the most of it is coming out. Sweet potato beds where they were up were killed down. There was no cotton up in this section, so none was killed.

Putting down guano and planting cotton is in full blast this week.

Mr. W. T. Kolb and sons Charlie and Owen went to the Wateree Swamp last Tuesday to try luck with the funny tribe, toiled all night and caught nothing like the Galilee fisherman of olden times.

Mrs. J. B. McIntosh, Sr., has been quite sick, but is some better.

Mr. H. C. Scott and family of Ramsey visited relatives here last Sunday.

There is a strange coincidence just over in Privateer. There are not less than twenty-five motherless children who live within an hour's drive of each other. All of whom have lost their mothers in about one year's time.

The first to die was Mrs. J. Mack Kolb, then Mrs. Henry D. McLeod, then Mrs. James R. Kolb and the last

Mrs. W. G. Prichard, who died last week. The Lord have mercy on the orphans.

Had a nice rain last night, and out at or near Bloomhill I hear there was a pretty stiff wind with some hail. Have heard of no damage being done.

Mr. James R. Griffin moved here to Mr. G. P. Ardis' today from near Pinewood.

## WISACKY.

Wisacky, April 22.—Cotton planting is over with in this neighborhood. The cold wave on the 16th and 17th has not done much damage to the farms and gardens, neither is the fruit crop injured.

There was a dancing party given at Mr. Hardy Stuckey's Wednesday evening the 19th, which was greatly enjoyed by the young folks.

Mr. Hugh Scott will go to Manning next week as a delegate to the District Conference.

The friends here, of Mrs. Joseph Wilson were greatly shocked to hear of her sudden death on yesterday at her home in Bishopville. She was buried in the cemetery at the Presbyterian Church where many of her loved ones are sleeping.

Miss May McLean who has been teaching the Wisacky public school is now teaching a private school for a few weeks.

Dr. Alford has returned from Georgia, after a very pleasant stay with his brother-in-law, Mr. Sidney Crane.

Miss Alice James of Spring Hill has been visiting the Misses Gibson.

## REMBERTS.

Rembert, April 25.—I am glad to report the freeze last week did not kill the early planted cotton that was up as reported in my last week's letter.

What saved it was the ground being dry and only a very small portion was up. The warm days that followed caused the plant to germinate and come up rapidly and we are setting good stands. Will finish planting this week.

Corn was damaged by last week's cold, but is improving. Poor stands are reported from every section. Re-planting is about over and with warm weather from now on we hope to see rapid progress very soon.

Oats are not as far advanced as at this time last year. The farmers here could not get their soda in time to make application.

Rev. Wm. Barnwell held services at Shiloh Episcopal Church near Hagood last week on Holy Thursday, and read the services. Quite a good congregation was in attendance. He will have a full service at same church next Sunday, and it will be the Children's Easter Sunday in which they will participate with a very interesting program of recitations. Your correspondent hopes to attend and will report same in my next week's letter.

St. Matthews School will close next week with a picnic to the scholars. Our teacher Miss Lottie Weinges has given entire satisfaction and all the patrons hope she will be retained next session.

Mr. S. Lee Young is in Sumter this week, attending court as jurymen.

Mr. T. D. McLeod, J. M. Reams and S. Lee Young attended quarterly meeting at Wedgfield last Saturday and represented McLeod's church from here.

## MAX.

Max, April 25.—Mr. James Thomas of Cadés visited relatives here and in Florence county last week.

Miss Kate McBride is spending some time with her uncle Mr. Ligie Mott, of Darwood. Mrs. Rebecca Truluck is visiting her son, Mr. S. W. Truluck, of Shiloh.

Miss Lizzie Kirby, of Magnolia, visited her brother, Mr. Walter Kirby and family last week.

Mr. Leland Moore, wife and daughter spent Wednesday in Timmons-ville.

Miss Lily Bertie Truluck is spending some time with her father, Mr. Erby Truluck, of Lynchburg.

Mr. Belton Dickerson took his little daughter up to Columbia last night to be treated. She was bitten by a dog supposed to be mad.

Friends of Mr. Samuel Chandler, Jr., were glad to see him able to be out riding since his last illness.

Mr. Mary Myers is recovering from what is called smallpox.

Oats are doing well.

Farmers are getting on nicely with their work.

## STATEBURG.

Stateburg, April 24.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lee, Mr. Ben Lee and little Augustine Lee, of Charleston are at "Farm Hill."

Miss Mayo Rees, who is teaching at Goodwill, spent a few days, at home last week.

Mr. Temple Frierson, Jr., Mr. Paul Seabrook and Miss Julia Frierson, of Charleston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Temple Frierson.

Misses Bessie and Mattie Murray have returned from Trial, S. C.

Mr. Cain Mellette was the guest of Mr. Fream Mellette on Sunday.

Miss Kate Sumter, of Sumter, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess, spent Easter at home.

Miss Hallie Nelson returned today after a successful school term near Magnolia, S. C.

Mr. George M. Murray was at home on Sunday.

Miss Emmie Parker, of Providence returned on Sunday to her home, after a pleasant visit to Miss Julianne Frierson.

Mr. Singleton Moore, of Sumter spent Sunday with Mrs. J. S. Pinckney.

Misses Essie Murray and Mary Lowry of Sumter returned last evening after a pleasant visit to Miss Lottie Nelson.

Miss A. M. Barnwell is spending a few days at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Sanders, of Hagood were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sanders on Sunday.

Mr. John G. Barnwell, of Yorkville is at home for a few days.

## BRAUN.

Braun, April 24.—The cold spell has done some of us a good deal of damage; the early garden plants were nipped, also the corn and those who had cotton up have had to plant over.

Messrs. Harold and Albert Bradley, Misses Ila Evans and Maude Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Weldon, attended services at Mispah Baptist church on Sunday. Mr. Phillips, of Bishopville, preached.

Mr. Bill James has been quite sick for some time, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. Hay is improving.

Mr. Archie Weldon, of Gillards, Cross Roads, was in the neighborhood on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barfield spent Saturday night with Mr. S. D. Hurst.

Mr. J. M. Ross, of Dalzell, spent last Thursday with his daughter, Mrs. T. M. Bradley.

What has become of our Egypt correspondent? Let us hear from you again. Your letters were newsy and very much enjoyed.

## PISGAH.

Pisgah, April 24.—The freeze of last week injured gardens and fruit trees very much. The woods in places look like the dead of winter. All the young leaves are dead. What promised to be a fine fruit year will be a poor one.

I notice the young peaches are dropping fast and the kernel is dead which shows how severe the freeze was.

Some corn was killed to the roots. Cotton, where a plenty of seed was sown, has again come up to a stand, but the plant looks weak and sickly.

From an agricultural standpoint the future looks gloomy. Cotton is again falling and no one can tell where it will stop. The market has been glutted for some weeks, is the cause.

Those who had cotton fearing the market would go lower, or from necessity turned it loose, just as the bears said they would do. This is not encouraging for the future and proves that patriotism is something the modern man does not want to practice if it conflicts with his interest.

A few here have not sold any since last November; others have sold out, or partly so. Very little cotton is still in the farmers hands, so far as I can learn. I predicted last fall a 14,000,000 bale crop, and that is just the size of it. If the crop this year should be as large, the greatest financial crash

that the South has even had will be upon us and will prove the folly of depending upon one crop for money.

Notwithstanding this, the acreage will undoubtedly be reduced and no one can tell what the crop will be. The consumption of cotton is gradually increased each year. These are the silver linings to the dark clouds that appear to the vision of this scribe.

The boll weevil is not a factor in the problem, for Texas raises as much cotton as she ever did before its appearance.

Mrs. Florence Creighton and little son of Dalzell, are visiting at Mr. T. M. Bradley's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hutchinson, of Borden, spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John McCaa yesterday.

Mrs. W. J. Hatfield, of Smithville, who has been quite sick, was out to church at Pisgah Sunday. Her friends are glad to see that she has recovered from her recent sickness.

Mr. Tom Davis, of Kershaw county, W. J. Hatfield, of Smithville and nephew and niece, Frank and Miss Sallie Hatfield attended services at Pisgah Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gillis went to Sumter Saturday, also Rev. J. W. Kenney. Mr. Gillis is running his saw mill this week.

Miss Ila May Evans, who is attending school in Sumter, came home last week on a visit, but will return to her studies tomorrow. Sumter must agree with her for she is looking remarkably well.

Easter was not observed here by the whites. The colored folks celebrated the event. They have a kind of insurance agency among them which pays so much on the death of those who are members of the order.

News is scarce. People are close at home and at work.

## CAMDEN NEWS NOTES.

Camden, April 25.—Special Easter services were held at Beulah Church Sunday. Our Superintendent Mr. J. C. Humphries, deserves much credit for the success of the occasion. The children did their part well. Mr. C. W. Birchmore, editor of The Wateree Messenger, made an appropriate address, in fact it was extra good. He is one of the best Sunday school workers in the county; he is always ready to do what he can for the good of others.

Miss Dell McLeod, of Rembert, Sumter county was present and furnished excellent music for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. McLeod and Mr. Murray McLeod of Sumter county were also present. Mr. Mc. is one of Sumter best citizens.

We attended the Epworth League Conference in Columbia, as a delegate from the Beulah League. The reports from the different Leagues were encouraging. Rev. Peter Stokes, of Piedmont who is president of the

League, as at his best. He is certainly the right man in the right place. Misses Lou Sowell, and Grace West and Messrs. W. B. Turner and B. M. Rudson, were the delegates from here.

The frost here last week did not do any serious damage, cotton was not far enough advanced. Early planted cotton is up to a stand, and some is being plowed.

Mr. H. G. Garrison has just hauled 102 bales of cotton from his Pine Farm plantation and will store it for better prices.

Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Booth of Smithville, were visiting near Camden Saturday.

## LEE COUNTY NEWS.

Hart and John McKnight, the two negroes, who cut Oliver Johnson, a young white man of the Ionia section, same time ago came in and surrendered to the sheriff. Sheriff Muldrow was making it pretty hot for them and they thought they would come in and surrender before the clash came. They gave bail and have employed Hon. T. G. McLeod to defend them.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ethel Vernon youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carnes to Mr. Levy Austin, Wednesday evening, April 26.

Remember that the election for commissioners of water works will be held next Wednesday as well as the election to determine whether the bonds for the water works shall be issued. It is an important matter and every voter should consider well the matter.

The pupils of the Bishopville High and Graded School will give two entertainments at the close of this session, in the opera house. One of these entertainments will be given on the night of the 27th of this month, the other on the night of the 28th.

While Lee county is not so well organized as some of the counties in the state for the Cotton Growers' Association, yet we have made it a point to interview nearly every farmer who comes to town and nine out of ten are not only in favor of reduction, but have actually reduced the acreage.

Sumter has been offered enough money for her court house lot to buy another lot and build a modern court house. The present court house is on Main street and the noise during the sitting of court is very annoying. We think the Daily Item is on the right track advocating buying a lot in a more retired locality and build an up-to-date court house.—Bishopville Vindicator.

## MANNING NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Aaron Loryea, one of our oldest residents, while enjoying the glow of a hot stove last Monday recalled the fact that he remembered a considerable snow storm in Sumter on the 15th of April 1849, fifty-six years ago, when he engaged with others in snow-balling. So it appears that these late cold waves are not a modern invention of the weather bureau.

There is considerable kicking in Manning today about the new regulations just issued by the telephone company. So pronounced is the feeling that a movement is on foot to establish a new telephone system, and quite a number of business men have indicated that they would subscribe liberally to the capital stock of such a company.

Mr. Algie Hawkins is at the Brockington Infirmary, where he underwent an operation yesterday for appendicitis.

Dr. S. C. Baker, of Sumter, performed the operation. Mr. Hawkins stood the operation well, and is doing very nicely today.

The Manning Bottling Works, under the management of Mr. H. L. Witherspoon, is a new enterprise now in Manning. It is fitted up with the latest and most improved carbonizing and bottling machinery, and is putting on the market a variety of delicious soft drinks. The facilities of the plant are ample to supply the trade throughout the county and already the goods are being placed on the market in the neighboring town and country store. Mr. Witherspoon is a genial gentleman, a native of Sumter, and is delighted with his residence in Manning so far.—Manning Farmer.

Died at her home, near Manning, about midnight Monday night, Mrs. Alice Mahoney, wife of Mr. William Mahoney, aged about 60 years. The burial took place at Paxville this morning.—Manning Times.

## Letter to V. H. Phelps.

Sumter, S. C.  
Dear Sir: Devote, \$10 a year; lead-and oil, \$22.

Mr. McMullin, late cashier of Patasco National Bank, of Ellicott City, Md., painted his house—Devote in 1885. It wore 17 years at a cost of less than \$10 a year.

Mr. Harold Hardinge, the present cashier painted his house—three coats lead-and-oil—it wore six years, at a cost of \$22 a year. He then repainted Devote; said he wanted the paint that cost least by the year.

This is important; such comparisons are extremely rare. We know the general fact, however.

The paint that goes farthest, wears longest; always.

Yours truly  
F. W. Devote & Co.

P. S.—Durant Hardware Co. sells our paint.

## Confederate Veteran Dead.

Yorkville, April 20.—Major James F. Hart, a prominent lawyer, the gallant commander of the famous "Hart Battery," during the War Between the Sections, a leader in the Hampton movement of 1876 and a highly esteemed Christian gentleman of Yorkville, died at his residence at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon.

## A TIMELY PROTEST.

Unless Automobilists Show Some Respect for the Rights of Others They Will Make Trouble for Themselves.

Mayesville, S. C., April 25, 1905.

Mr. Editor:

Will you kindly give space for a few rambling thoughts based on actual experience and observation. Our experience of late has been such that we don't know exactly where we are at—hence we appeal for information.

On Sunday it was my privilege to pass through your city on my return trip, after a short visit to the Providence section of the county. Just after passing the fork of the Providence and Stateburg roads a short distance I met with an automobile in which were two couples apparently on a pleasure ride. They seemed to think their religious duty to see how near they could run their machine up to my horse and buggy. About twenty steps beyond where we met was a turn out from the main road to avoid a mud hole. These people paid no attention to this road, but kept straight on towards me and met face to face with me in a very narrow place. Seeing my horse was frightened afforded them amusement. Now the information wanted is to know how we are to be protected from these nuisances. In case of damages for broken bones, ruined horses, broken vehicles, etc., who is to foot the bill? Does the county lay itself liable for allowing these machines to take full possession of our public highways? If not, then I see nothing else for us to do but to take our shot guns along for our protection. The careless, dare-devil manner in which these machines go over the country has gotten to be a public nuisance and a halt will have to be called on them, or else the undertakers will have to be called on. We sincerely hope the grand jury will take some steps along this line, ere it be too late. We believe the legislators acted and possibly reacted on this matter, but their acts are ignored.

It might be a good suggestion for each owner of these nuisances to be compelled to paste a copy of this act passed in his machine in a place where his eyes won't be strained to see it. Then, some of them will see how they exceed their privilege, or abuse the rights of others.